



# Southeast Michigan Transportation Operations Center

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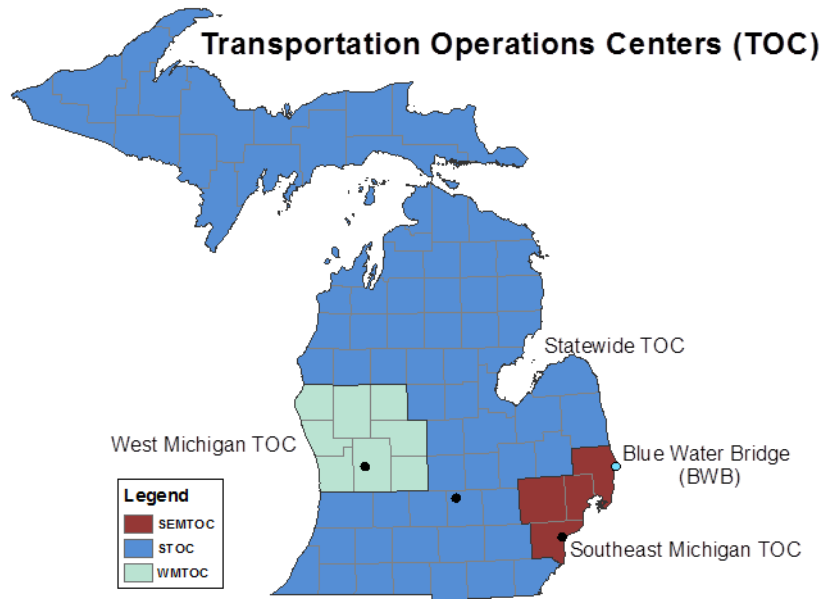
## MDOT'S MISSION:

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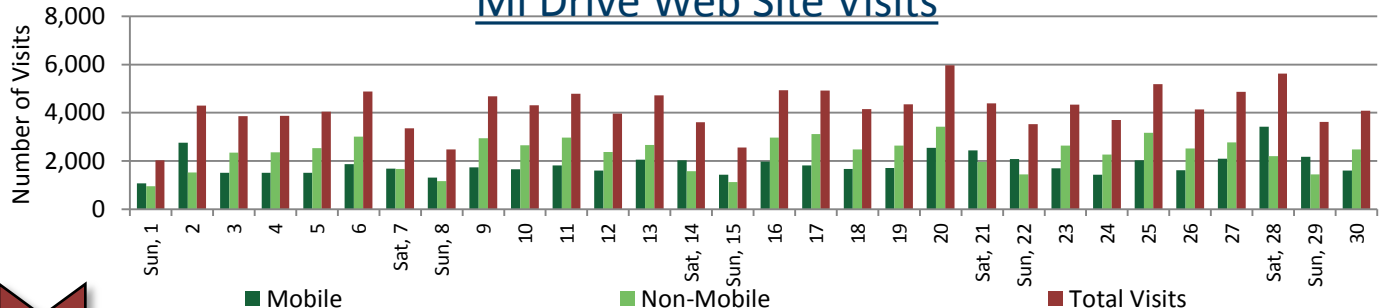
The Statewide Transportation Operations Center (STOC) is responsible for traffic operations along more than 1,200 miles of freeway in the state of Michigan. The STOC has intelligent transportation systems (ITS) equipment throughout five Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) regions, including: Bay, University, Southwest, Superior, and North.

The West Michigan TOC is responsible for traffic operations along 45 miles of freeway, while also covering 18 non-freeway trunkline miles in the greater Grand Rapids area and Grand Haven.



The Southeast Michigan TOC (SEMTOC) is a hub of ITS technology applications at MDOT. It is a world-class traffic management center where staff oversees a traffic monitoring system composed of 200 freeway miles, including the Blue Water Bridge (BWB) that connects I-94 and I-69 in the United States with Highway 402 in Canada. The BWB is one of the fastest links between the Midwest and Ontario.

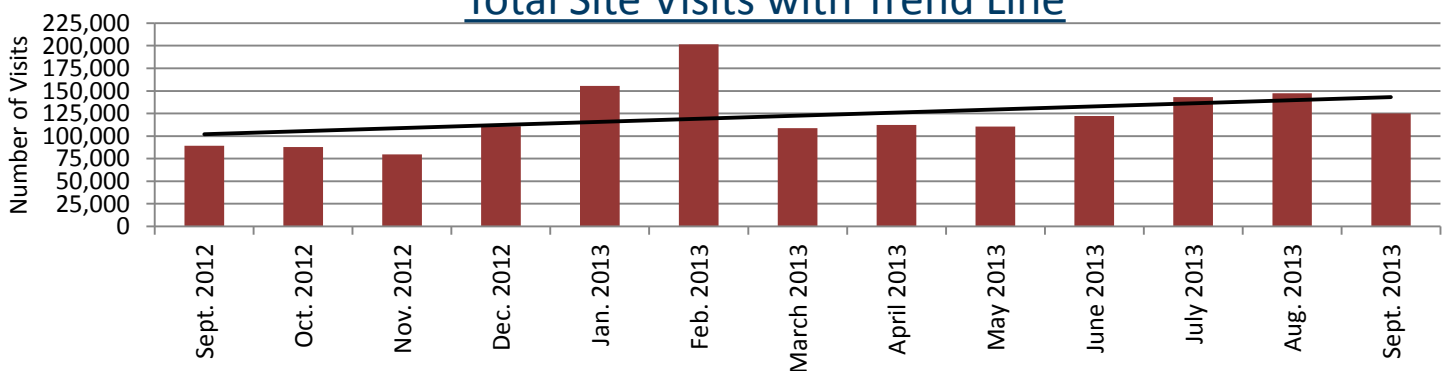
## Mi Drive Web Site Visits



A "visit" is counted each time a user accesses the [www.michigan.gov/drive](http://www.michigan.gov/drive) Web site, regardless of the number of pages viewed within the site. "Mobile" visits are those where the site is accessed using a mobile device, while "Non-Mobile" visits are those where the Web site is accessed from a computer.

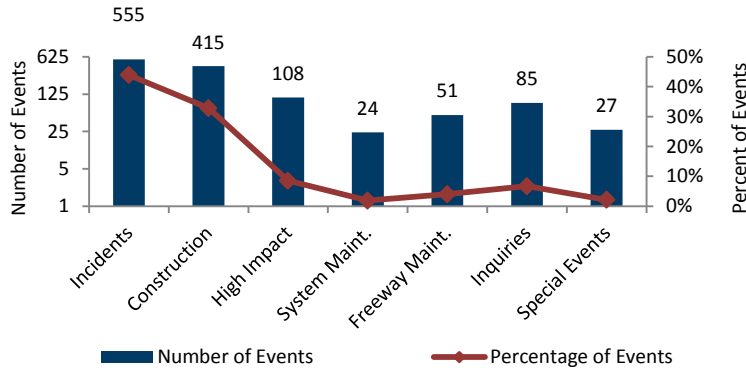
Below is a graph showing the total number of visits to Mi Drive and the trend for a 13-month period.

## Total Site Visits with Trend Line



- Event:** A task in which the control room operator (CRO) is involved. Multiple categories of events exist (e.g., Incident, Construction, Special Event).
- Call:** Any phone call that comes into or goes out of the control room. Multiple calls may be associated with one event.
- Incident:** An event that impacts the shoulder, lane(s) or a ramp of a state of Michigan trunkline (e.g., accident, vehicle fire, debris or police situation).

## Events by Type



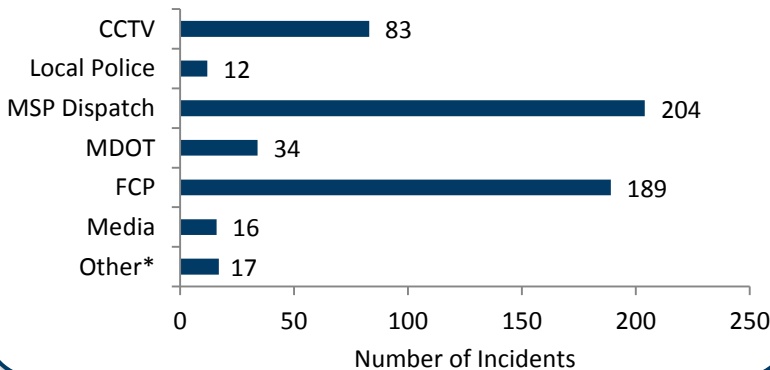
Control room **Events** consist of: construction, incidents, high impact (see definition on page 6), system maintenance (software and hardware), freeway maintenance (lighting, field equipment, potholes, sweeping, etc.), traffic inquiries (public and agencies), special event coordination, and Freeway Courtesy Patrol (FCP) assists (excluded from this table and described on page 4).

CROs logged **1,265 Events** along the freeways, excluding FCP assists. The top **Event** categories are shown in the chart.

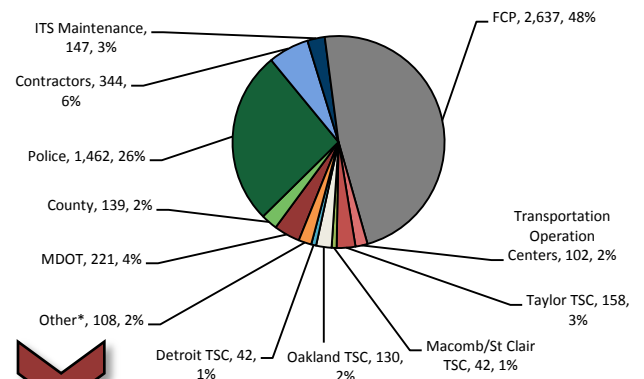
CROs rely on various sources to detect **Events** that occur along the freeways. When an **Event** is detected, the CRO is required to note which detection source was used. This not only ensures that the **Event** was detected by a reliable source, but also provides insight as to which sources are utilized most frequently.

\*Other includes Mi Drive, Twitter and contractors.

## Incidents by Detection Source



## Communications by Agency



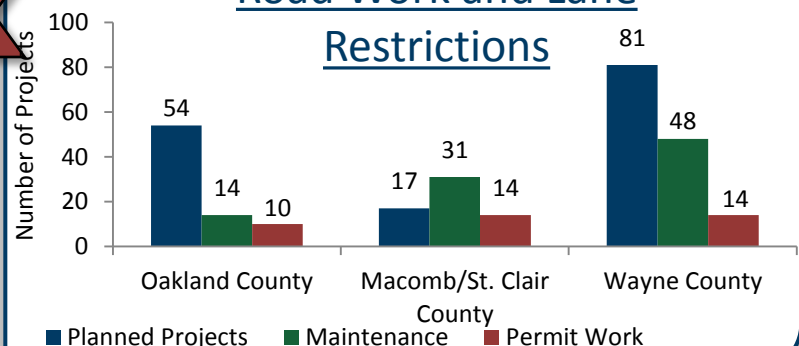
CROs managed **5,532 Communications** this month. The majority of all **Communications**, **48 percent**, were between the control room and the **FCP**.

\*Communications refer to phone calls and radio transactions.

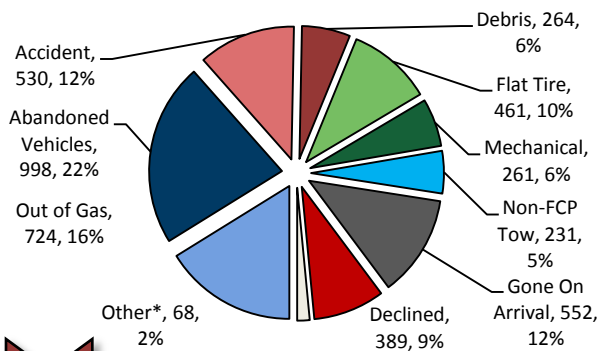
\*Other includes Airport, Border, City of Detroit, Fire, Media, Special Event Venues and Transit Agencies, and DTMB.

CROs are responsible for monitoring and managing traffic operations along the freeways. It is critical to know where road work and lane restrictions are taking place and the impact that they may have on freeway operations. The mobility coordinator maintains frequent communication with MDOT staff, consultants and contractors to ensure that the CROs are kept up-to-date on the locations and impacts of road work and lane restrictions that include Planned Projects (Construction) and Maintenance (Repairs).

## Road Work and Lane Restrictions



## Assists by Type

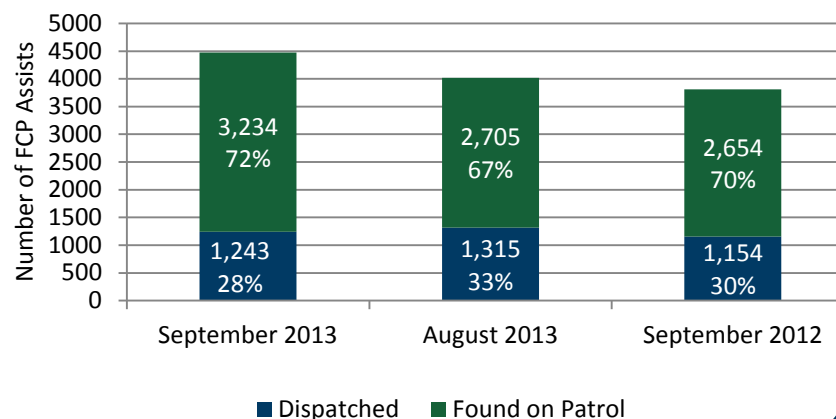


The FCP is a federally funded service provided to the public to assist stranded motorists, provide traffic control for **Incidents** and improve mobility along the freeways by keeping travel lanes clear of debris and disabled vehicles. The FCP had a total of **4,447** assists. The majority of the assists (**22 percent**) were identifying **Abandoned Vehicles**.

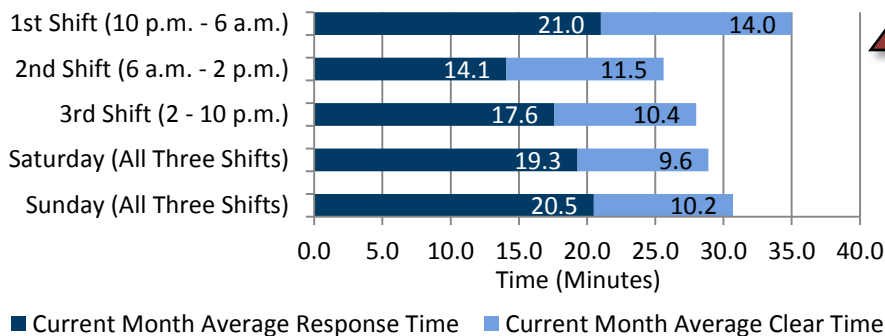
\*Other includes Cellular Assists, FCP Tow, Gave Directions, Traffic Policing, and Motorist Transport.

FCP drivers are required to patrol their routes when not actively assisting a motorist. While on patrol, the driver may find an **Event** that the control room is not yet aware of. He/she will contact the control room via radio and the **Event** will be logged as "Found on Patrol." Likewise, if the CROs detect an **Event** that may require FCP involvement, he/she will dispatch the driver to the **Event** location and log it as "Dispatched."

## FCP Assists Dispatched vs. Found on Patrol



## Average Assist Times



The response and clear times for all FCP assists are logged by CROs. The average response and clear times for the current month are depicted on the graph to the left.

Shift response times may differ greatly due to the number of units on duty and their coverage areas. (Weekends and 1st shifts only have two units on the road covering all zones).

The FCP patrols more than **320** miles of freeway in southeast Michigan. They provided the most assistance along **I-75 (1,003 assists)**. On **M-8**, they experienced the highest assist density (**28.2 assists per mile**).

## FCP Assists by Freeway

Freeway	Miles	Total Assists	Assist Density (assists per mile)	Avg. Response Time (minutes)	Avg. Clear Time (minutes)
I-75	87.6	1,003	11.4	17.6	11.7
I-94	60.7	808	13.3	17.4	11.2
I-96	34.0	498	14.6	17.9	12.1
I-275	37.5	229	6.1	18.9	13.5
I-696	28.7	448	15.6	18.3	10.1
M-59	24.0	78	3.3	10.0	3.0
I-375	1.2	3	2.5	15.0	15.5
M-10 (Lodge)	17.9	301	16.8	13.8	8.5
M-14	6.4	49	7.7	17.4	9.8
M-39 (Southfield)	14.2	195	13.7	17.5	12.7
M-5 (Grand River)	10.3	34	3.3	23.0	12.9
M-8 (Davison)	2.2	62	28.2	8.9	11.6

## Most-Utilized DMS for Unique Messages

Location	# Unique Messages	% of Total Unique Messages
SB I-75 @ Clay	109	4.46%
EB I-94 @ John R	88	3.60%
EB I-94 @ Central	79	3.23%
EB I-96 @ Evergreen	79	3.23%
NB I-375 @ Gratiot	75	3.07%

There were **2,443** unique messages displayed throughout the ITS network. A "unique message" may be an **Incident**, AMBER Alert, construction or special event message.

Travel-time messages are routinely displayed when unique messages are not active. Travel times are updated every 3 minutes.

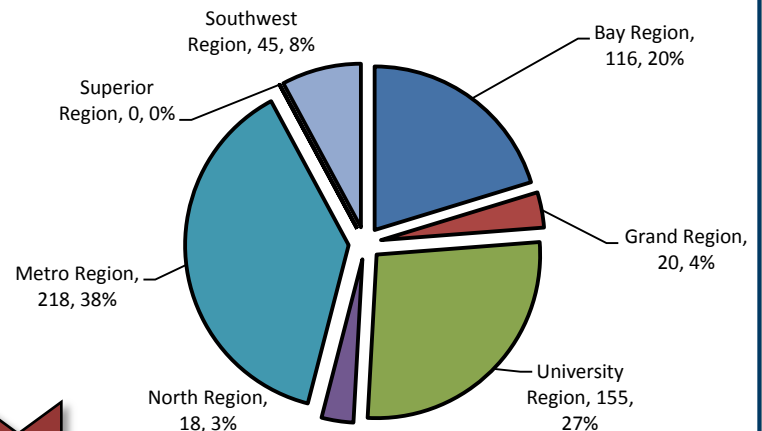
## ITS Field Device Availability

Device Type	Availability		Total
	Functional	Non-Functional	
CCTV	245	41	286
MVDS	215	57	272
DMS	91	7	98

CROs track the average daily availability of all system devices so that timely maintenance can occur. The reliability of the devices in turn ensures that CROs have tools available to accurately provide traffic conditions to the motoring public.

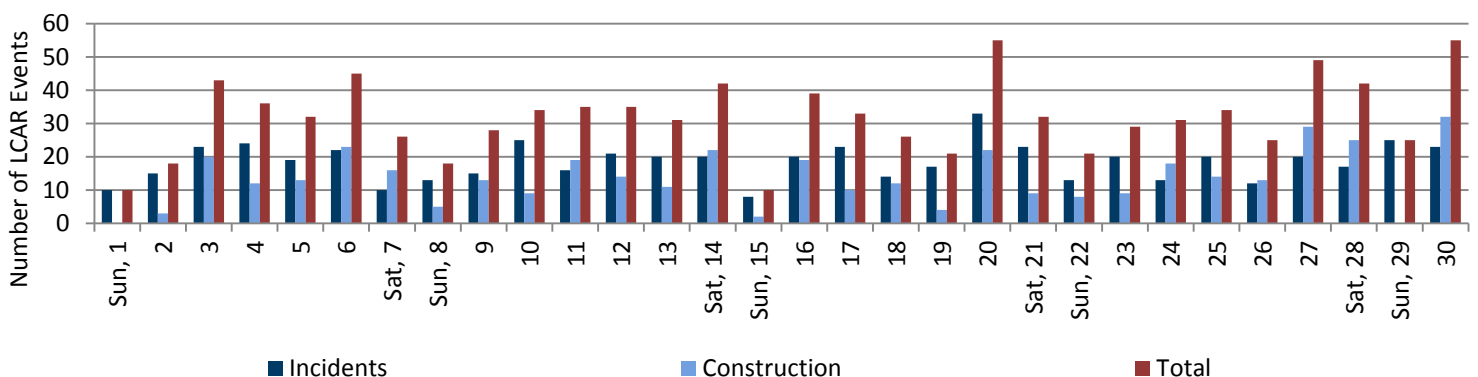
- Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Cameras
- Microwave Vehicle Detection Systems (MVDS)
- Dynamic Message Signs (DMS)

## Stuck in Traffic Notifications



Travelers with smartphones or Web-enabled mobile devices can go to the Mi Drive Web site and click on the "Stuck in Traffic?" link to report traffic delays or incidents. There were **572 Stuck in Traffic notifications** for the state of Michigan; the graph above shows how many were reported per MDOT region.

## LCAR Posts Sent to the Web Site



Construction and **Incident** information is posted to the Mi Drive Web site using the Lane Closure and Restrictions (LCAR) tool. Each post that was sent to the Web site from Metro Detroit is shown in the chart above.

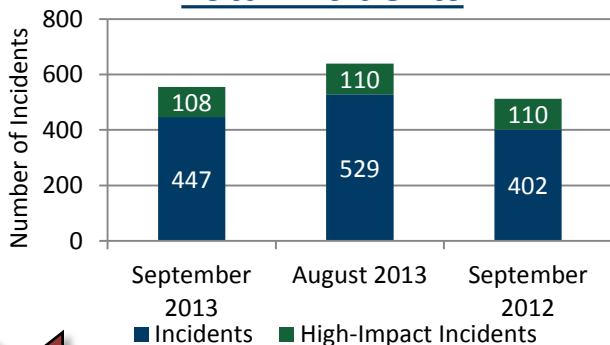
## Incidents by Freeway

Freeway	Miles	September 2013			August 2013			September 2012		
		Total Incidents	Incidents per Mile	Average Duration	Total Incidents	Incidents per Mile	Average Duration	Total Incidents	Incidents per Mile	Average Duration
I-275	37.5	48	1.28	59.9 min	45	1.20	49.5 min	47	1.25	58.1 min
I-375	1.2	1	0.83	61.0 min	1	0.83	34.0 min	2	1.67	<b>104.0 min</b>
I-96 (Jeffries)	34	88	2.59	45.0 min	72	2.12	54.2 min	78	2.29	60.4 min
I-696 (Ruether)	28.7	79	2.75	40.4 min	118	<b>4.11</b>	49.9 min	78	<b>2.72</b>	62.0 min
I-75 (Chrysler/Fisher)	87.6	<b>119</b>	1.36	55.9 min	<b>160</b>	1.83	45.7 min	113	1.29	55.5 min
I-94 (Ford)	60.7	104	1.71	56.1 min	143	2.36	50.1 min	<b>128</b>	2.11	45.6 min
M-10 (Lodge)	17.9	31	1.73	47.6 min	37	2.07	48.8 min	37	2.07	35.5 min
M-14	6.4	7	1.09	53.0 min	9	1.41	54.0 min	5	0.78	66.6 min
M-39 (Southfield)	14.2	62	4.37	47.1 min	44	3.10	45.9 min	26	1.83	44.9 min
M-59	24	4	0.17	<b>61.3 min</b>	3	0.13	47.0 min	3	0.13	31.0 min
M-8 (Davison)	2.2	10	<b>4.55</b>	36.8 min	4	1.82	<b>112.5 min</b>	4	1.82	57.0 min
Regional Average Duration				49.4 min			49.6 min			53.9 min

**I-75** experienced the highest total **Incidents**; however, **M-8** had the greatest incident-per-mile rate. The longest average incident duration occurred along **M-59**.

The data recorded includes all incidents that were managed by SEMTOC and involve an incident response plan.

## Total Incidents



There were a total of **555** total **Incidents**, **19.5 percent** of which were high-impact.

A high-impact incident is one that results in a total freeway closure in one direction, a freeway-to-freeway ramp closure, or an incident leaving only one lane open.

The majority of high-impact incidents, **26 percent**, occurred along **I-94**. High-impact incidents have the greatest effect on the freeway system. These incidents have an elevated response plan to best manage incidents to reduce UDC (user delay costs) and increase mobility.

## High-Impact Incident Activity

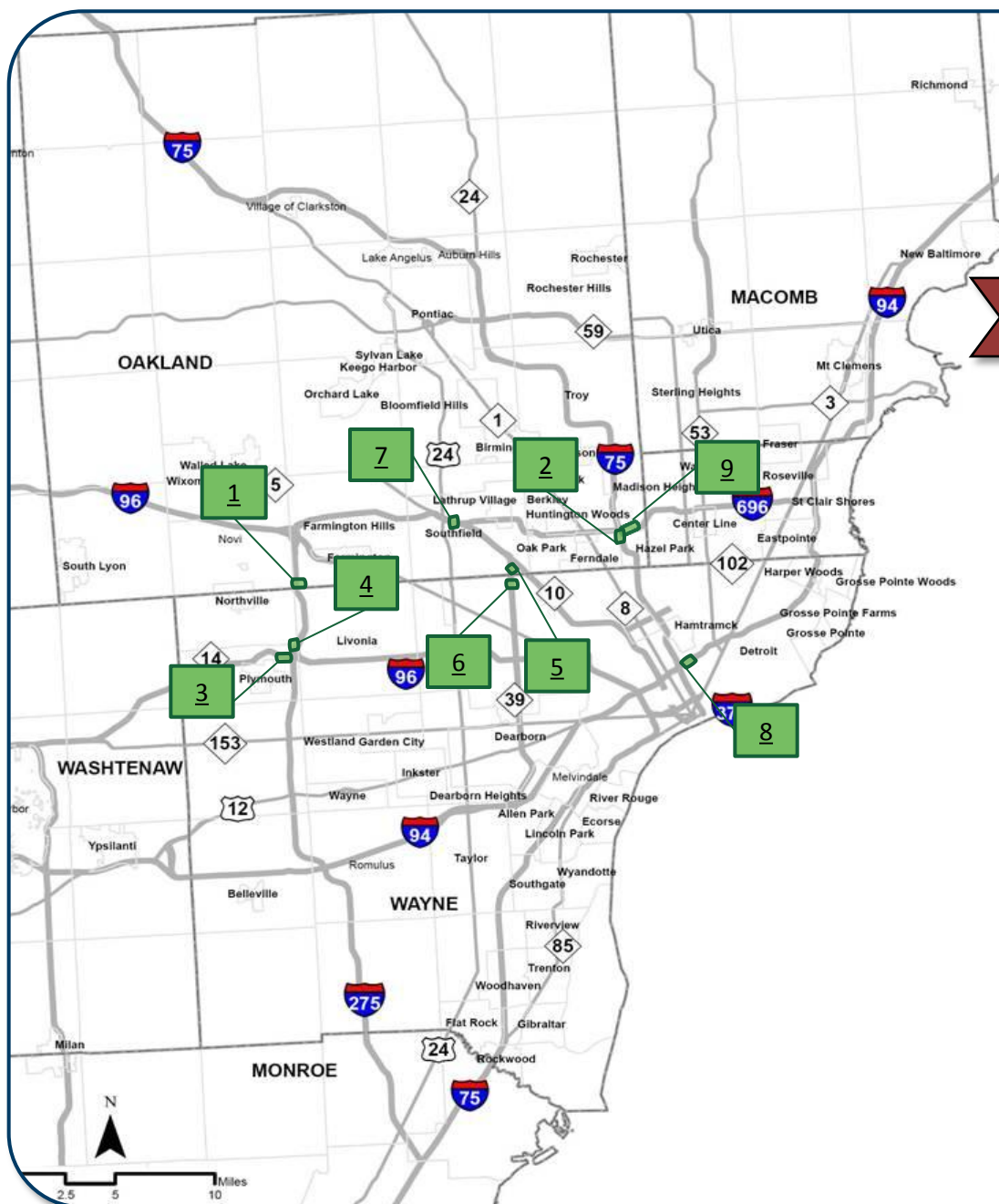
	September 2013	August 2013	September 2012
Freeway Closures All Lanes Closed in One Direction	17	27	16
Lane Closures Only One Lane Open	70	69	75
Ramp Closures Freeway-to-Freeway	21	14	19
Total	<b>108</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>110</b>

## Top Duration Incidents

Location	Date	Duration	Details
EB I-94 @ I-75	9/25/2013	701.0 min	Semi-Fire
SB M-1 @ M-59	9/23/2013	337.0 min	Water over the roadway
EB I-94 @ French	9/22/2013	320.0 min	Crash
EB I-94 @ Gratiot	9/22/2013	292.0 min	Crash
SB M-39 @ McNichols	9/16/2013	197.0 min	Crash

The top duration **Incident** occurred along **I-94** and lasted **701** minutes, compared to the average incident duration on **M-59** of 61.3 minutes.





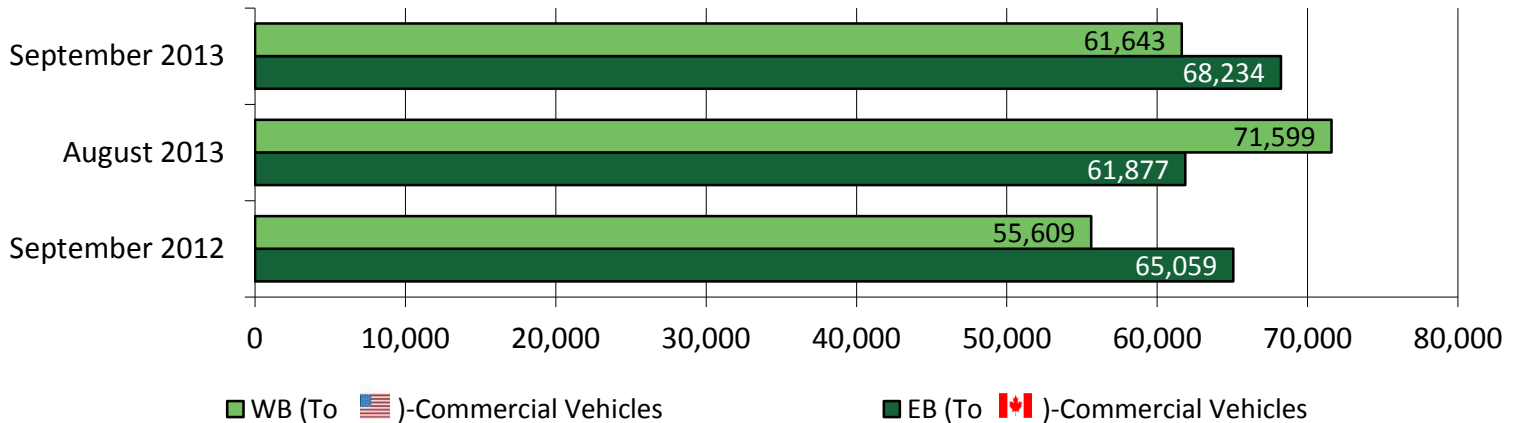
The **Freeway Incident Hot Spot** locations for the month are identified on this map. Hot spot **Incidents** may include accidents, debris or weather-related events. Details for each location portrayed on the map can be found in the "Hot Spot Activity" table below.

The **Freeway Incident Hot Spot** locations portrayed on the map are described in this table. The data recorded includes all incidents that were managed by SEMTOC and involve an incident response plan.

## Hot Spot Activity

Location Number	Location	Number of Incidents	Percent of Incident Total
1	NB I-275 between 8 Mile and 9 Mile	6	1.1%
2	NB I-75 between 9 Mile and I-696	5	0.9%
3	EB M-14 between Haggerty and I-275	4	0.7%
4	SB I-275 between 5 Mile and M-14	4	0.7%
5	NB M-39 between 8 Mile and 9 Mile	4	0.7%
6	NB M-39 between McNichols and 7 Mile	4	0.7%
7	WB I-696 between M-10 and Telegraph	4	0.7%
8	EB I-94 between Mount Elliott and Van Dyke	4	0.7%
9	EB I-696 between John R and I-75	4	0.7%

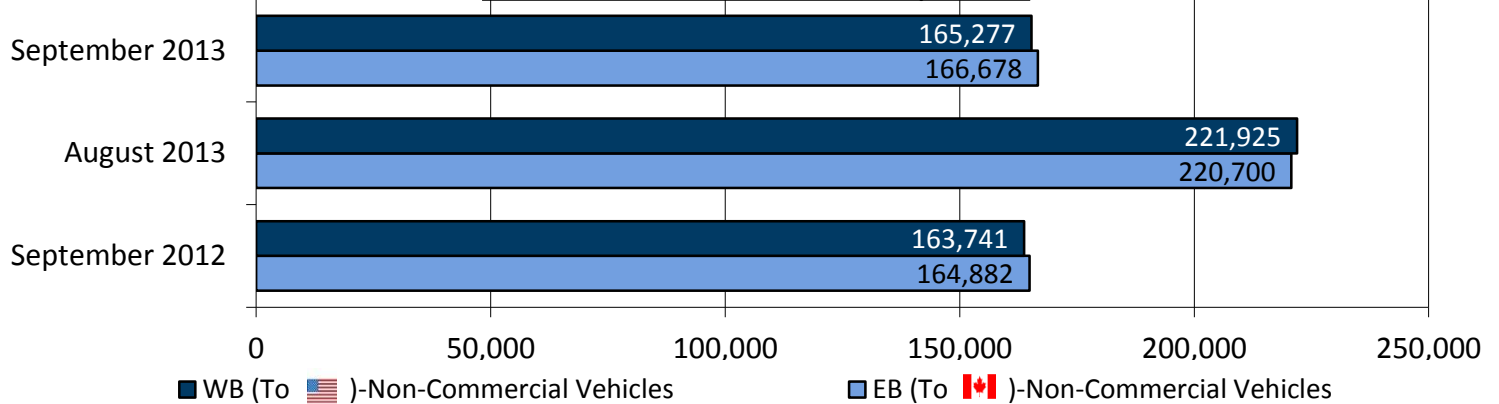
## Commercial Traffic Comparison



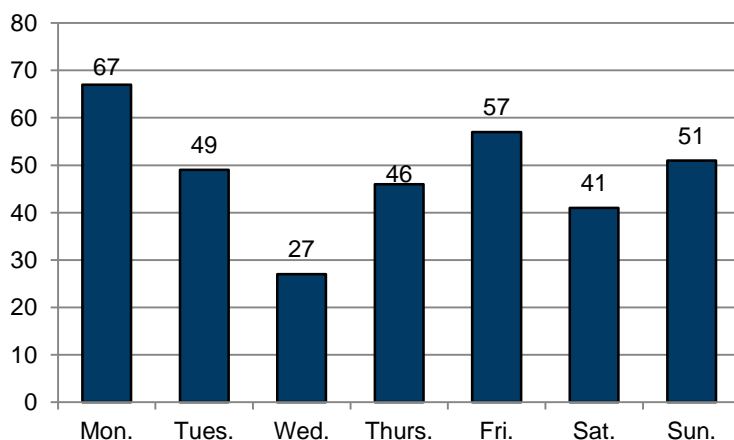
Located near the I-94/I-69 interchange, the Blue Water Bridge forms a critical gateway linking Canada and the United States. Listed above and below is a traffic analysis for the current month's traffic report by vehicle type\* compared to the previous month and current month last year.

\*The chart above shows the quantity of commercial vehicles (e.g., tractor-trailer) while the chart below shows the quantity of non-commercial vehicles (e.g., personal vehicles).

## Non-Commercial Traffic Comparison



## Traffic Flow Efficiency



To manage traffic from Canada to the United States, CROs change the approaching DMS to manage traffic flow efficiently.

The chart illustrates the CROs sign changes by day of week.